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## NEARING THE CREST

### And the River's High Mark is Expected Early Today

#### Close Figuring by Experts Fixes the Maximum at Marietta Very Close to Forty-One Feet.

AFTER TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS OF WEARY WAITING AND WATCHING THE PEOPLE OF MARIETTA WERE REWARDED MONDAY MORNING FOR THEIR PATIENT VIGIL, AS THERE CAME ASSURANCE OF A MOST GRATIFYING CHARACTER, CONFIRMING THE GOOD NEWS GIVEN OUT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE LEADER'S SIX O'CLOCK EXTRA EDITION OF SUNDAY TO THE EFFECT THAT AT THE HEADWATERS OF BOTH THE OHIO AND THE MUSKINGUM THE WORST SEEMED TO BE OVER AND THUS THE FEAR OF A REPETITION OF THE GREAT FLOOD OF 1898, OR EVEN OF THE STILL GREATER ONE OF 1884, WAS QUICKLY DISSIPATED.

AT A VERY EARLY HOUR HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE BEGAN TO GATHER IN FRONT OF THE LEADER BUILDING AND AS THE GOOD NEWS CONTAINED IN OUR BULLETINS WAS PUBLISHED, AS RECEIVED, FACES THAT BORE EVIDENCES OF DREAD AND DESPAIR, WERE TRANSFORMED INTO COUNTENANCES OF JOY, AND IN ALMOST TELEGRAPHIC TIME THE GOOD NEWS WENT FROM TONGUE TO TONGUE UNTIL IT HAD REACHED EVEN THE MOST REMOTE PARTS OF THE CITY.

AS THE DAY WORE ON THERE CAME REASSURING NEWS THAT THE OHIO RIVER WAS FALLING AT PITTSBURG, WHEELING AND OTHER UPPER POINTS, WHILE MESSAGES FROM ZANESVILLE AND TOWNS ALONG THE MUSKINGUM BROUGHT THE HAPPY INTELLIGENCE THAT THERE SEEMED NO GREAT CAUSE FOR FEAR FROM THAT SOURCE. THE WATERS AT MARIETTA CONTINUED TO RISE SLOWLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND EVENING, BUT IT WAS THE NEWS FROM OTHER PLACES THAT KEPT OUR PEOPLE IN GOOD HEART.

THE BULLETINS AS GIVEN BELOW TELL THE TALE BEST:

**BULLETIN—8 A. M.**  
Marietta Wharfboat says river is now 39 feet here and rising slowly. Parkersburg says Ohio is falling at Pittsburg.

**BULLETIN—9:45 A. M.**  
Wheeling: River reached highest point—41 ft. 9 in.—at midnight. Now 41 ft. and falling.

**BULLETIN—11 A. M.**  
Marietta 39 ft. 4 in. and slowly rising.

**BULLETIN—11 A. M.**  
Parkersburg 41 ft. 3 in. and rising 1 in. per hour.

**BULLETIN—11 A. M.**  
Point Pleasant, 51 feet and rising. Huntington, 53 feet and rising. Cincinnati, 47 feet 8 inches, raining and rising.

**BULLETIN—11 A. M.**  
Parkersburg Weather Bureau says: Muskingum River rising slowly at Zanesville.

**BULLETIN—11 A. M.**  
Allegheny river rising at Oil City and Parkersburg Landing on account of melting snow.

**BULLETIN—11 A. M.**  
Parkersburg: Mr. Vose, of the

Weather Bureau, says: Ohio river is falling at Pittsburg and Wheeling. Present stage at Parkersburg is now 41 ft. 3 in. 42 feet is predicted.

**BULLETIN—11 A. M.**  
McConnelsville: Muskingum slowly falling.

**BULLETIN—12:30 P. M.**  
Lowell: Muskingum slowly falling. Beverly: Muskingum slowly falling.

**BULLETIN—ONE O'CLOCK.**  
Mr. Best, of the Marietta Wharfboat, says the Ohio river is now 39 ft. 8 in. at Marietta and rising very slowly.

**BULLETIN—ONE O'CLOCK.**  
Sistersville: The river is now slowly falling.

**BULLETIN—FOUR O'CLOCK.**  
Mr. Best, of the Wharf boat, says the river here at Marietta is now 40 feet and stationary.

**BULLETIN—FOUR O'CLOCK.**  
Coal Run: There is now a slight rise in the Muskingum, attributed to melting snow.

**BULLETIN—6 P. M.**  
Marietta—River 40 feet strong, rising one inch per hour.

**BULLETIN—7 P. M.**  
Pittsburg—River here is now 19 feet, 10 inches and falling.

**BULLETIN—8 P. M.**  
Marietta—River 40 feet, 2 inches, rising one inch per hour.

**BULLETIN—8:15 P. M.**  
Pittsburg—The Ohio, Allegheny and Monongahela rivers are all falling.

**BULLETIN—10 P. M.**  
Marietta—River 40 feet, 4 inches, one inch per hour.

**BULLETIN—MIDNIGHT.**  
Marietta—River 40 feet, 5½ inches, rising a little less than an inch an hour.

**BULLETIN—MIDNIGHT.**  
Parkersburg—Weather Bureau says: River is now rising one-third inch per hour. It is expected that crest of rise will reach here Tuesday forenoon.

**BULLETIN—12:30 A. M.**  
Marietta—During the last hour the river has risen just three-fourths of an inch.

**BULLETIN—1:30 A. M.**  
Marietta—During the last hour the river has risen three-fourths of an inch.

**BULLETIN—3 A. M.**  
The rise of the river for the last hour was one-half of an inch.

**BULLETIN—3 A. M.**  
The stage of the river is 40 feet 8½ inches.

**FALLING AT WHEELING.**  
By Associated Press.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 22.—Although the flood in the Ohio reached its crest at 2 a. m., the rate of fall has been so slow, two inches an hour in the afternoon and an inch per hour tonight, that there is a general fear that a secondary rise is in evidence.

However at 10 p. m. the river is again falling two inches an hour and the alarm felt here is probably groundless.

Twenty-two hundred gas consumers are without gas in Wheeling tonight.

The G. A. R. encampment at Parkersburg has been postponed two weeks on account of the flood.

**CINCINNATI RIVER NEWS.**  
By Associated Press.

Cincinnati, O., April 2.—The stage of the river here at six tonight was 51 feet and rising two inches an hour.

This means 53 feet at six o'clock tomorrow morning, when trains will be shut off from the Grand Central depot.

There is every indication that they can run into the Grand Central again on Thursday. None of the other railways will be shut out of their regular depots. All of the railways have also made arrangements for receiving

and delivering freight at higher stations, so that there will be no interruption here either to freight or passenger traffic.

Owing to the inability of steamers to get under bridges, navigation on the river is suspended.

Residents of the tenement houses along the Ohio river front were run out of their first stories when the river reached a stage of 45 feet last night. What is known as the danger line of 50 feet was not reached until 1 o'clock today, since which time the jobbers, warehouses and manufacturers in the lower part of the city have been suffering.

The river here was rising at the rate of three inches an hour this morning. This was reduced to two inches per hour before noon and it will continue to drop until the maximum rise is reached on Wednesday morning.

The most hopeful thing here is the fact that the flood is unobstructed in the lower Ohio and there is less backwater than usual. It is settled now that if a second rise from the Allegheny region comes it will not overtake the present flow.

The base ball park is located in Mill Creek valley. It will be under water when a stage of 55 feet is reached and it is in a bad condition now. The country along the Little Miami river is badly flooded just east of this city.

The Newport race track will not be flooded. Races are proceeding under very sloppy conditions.

At Hinton, W. Va., the entire upper portion of the city is submerged and seven houses were swept away and many others washed from their foundations. No loss of life.

At East Liverpool the Pan Handle railroad was badly damaged and several bridges wrecked. The city pumping station, gas companies and street railways suffered big losses. Over fifty families are homeless.

At Steubenville, O., over 250 families were rendered homeless. Manufacturing plants have suspended.

property by the water and landslides. Add to this the great loss to railroads and manufacturing plants.

**SIGH OF RELIEF.**  
By Associated Press.

Portsmouth, O., April 22.—Portsmouth heaved a sigh of relief tonight when assurances came that the Ohio river is not likely to exceed 55 feet here. At intervals during the day it rained, but with night came indications of clearing. The cellars of wholesale houses on Front street are flooded and two feet more puts the water on first floors.

**ZANESVILLE FEELS EASY.**  
Special to the Leader.

Zanesville, O., April 22.—(2:30 p. m.)—The rise in the Muskingum river here has been two feet since Friday.

and the stage is now thirteen feet. The waters of Willis Creek, the headwaters tributary, are not in yet. Snow is going off gradually. Little apprehension is felt here.

(Signed.) **TIMES RECORDER.**

**HEAVY SNOW.**  
Special to the Leader.

Malta, O., April 22.—Snow in the valleys between here and Morganville is from nine to fourteen inches deep on the level. On the hill-tops it is two feet deep and in many places is drifted over the fence-tops.

**PLOT DISCOVERED.**  
To Exist for the Assassination of Emperor William.

By Associated Press.

Berlin, April 22.—With reference to the statements cabled from the United States of a plot, said to have been concocted against Emperor William and other European rulers by anarchists in Argentina and New Jersey, extreme reticence is observed in official circles in Berlin.

After a careful investigation, however it was ascertained in a reliable quarter that the Berlin police presidency issued an order on April 6 for the arrest, whenever or wherever caught, of the alleged anarchist Rodolfo Romagnolo, alias Romalisso, alias Langwick Mueller.

The order simultaneously requested all inland and foreign authorities to assist in the apprehension of Romagnolo.

The information received by Berlin authorities was that Romagnolo has been formally chosen by the alleged nest of conspirators in Patterson, N. J., to murder Emperor William. They furthermore are informed that he left Buenos Ayres on March 27 on board the North German Lloyd steamer Halle for Bremen.

Emperor William has been advised of the situation and has issued strict orders to the president of the Berlin police to keep him informed as to all similar news.

The Berlin authorities seem to know nothing about the alleged plots against Emperor Nicholas and King Victor Emanuel.

**More Miners Strike.**  
By Associated Press.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 22.—Every mine in the Fifth Ohio sub-district, which includes Belmont, Harrison and Jefferson counties, Ohio, and four West Virginia panhandle counties, is idle today, the strike ordered having become effective. Several operators are preparing to meet the miners' terms, the last year's scale, and the eastern Ohio coal operators may follow their example.

**HORRIBLE HOLOCAUST**  
Which Resulted in Four Lives Being Lost in a Burning Hotel at St. Marys.

Special to the Leader.

St. Marys, W. Va., April 22.—Three men and a boy were burned to death here this morning and two other men are missing.

At 1:45 a. m. fire broke out in the Commercial Hotel, situated in the lower part of town, and in an incredibly short time the frail building was consumed. At the time of the fire the hotel was crowded with guests and there was great confusion and excitement. Many of the guests had very narrow escapes and four are known to

have met death, while two others are unaccounted for.

**FOUR DEAD.**  
JOHN SLATER, aged 14.

JOHN GEORGE, aged 50.

HARRY ROBINSON, aged 27.

JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM, aged 21.

Mr. George and Mr. Robinson both leave families. The former was engaged in leasing oil lands. Cunningham was a tool dresser.

It is thought that the fire came from an explosion of gas.

## SWEPT TO DEATH

### Beneath the Swirling Current of the Murky Ohio

#### Were Joseph Ebbett and Two Brother Boys Named Edmund and Frank Hanley

The casualties which generally attend a high water followed each other with rapidity Monday. All saloons were open and people seemed to be absolutely demoralized by the high water and the liberties to which it gave rise. Gay crowds were out on the water in every conceivable kind of craft, both seaworthy and leaky and in many cases no attempt at all was made to navigate with respect to the safety of the occupants. People who probably never were in a boat half a dozen times in their life took it upon themselves to row in localities where the strong current and the dangerous obstructions to travel imperilled the lives of any imprudent to venture so far.

The large amount of liquor which could be secured at any saloon in the town was responsible for the numerous drunken men who were in evidence everywhere, and to the same agency one at least of the two tragedies is attributable.

In the flood time of 1898 when Mr. Geo. Hudson was dragged to his death by the breaking of an iron balcony at the St. Cloud Hotel the event was regarded with deep horror by the people and not so much carelessness was manifested by all the pleasure parties. But the awful death of three people Monday did not seem to teach any lessons of caution or keep boatmen from venturing in the dangerous district.

Within three hours the mad swirling waters at the upper end of the wharf boat, which was lying at the corner Second and Ohio street, three people met a terrible and tragic. The locality is especially dangerous to boatmen as obstructions together with the cross current and the several telephone poles which impede rowing, all operate to force a boat against the wharf boat, where in the great majority of cases the skiff or johnboat is capsized.

About noon Monday three men who were out rowing for pleasure and were more or less under the influence of liquor were caught in the cross current and hurried to the fatal wharf boat corner where in the twinkling of an eye the boat was overturned and the three occupants precipitated into the waters and carried under the bows of the big craft. Two of the men seized the chains with which the boat is fastened to the bank and succeeded in keeping out of the vortex of waters.

The third man though struggling desperately to avoid the death which was so imminent was carried under the boat by the resistless current and strangled by the waters. His body was borne as far as the Bellevue hotel when it was apprehended by a party of rescuers who had put out in boats as soon as the accident became apparent. The body was taken to the lobby of the Bellevue hotel and every known means of resuscitation was tried but in vain. The livid face, the wildly staring eyeballs, and the foam flecked mouth precluded any such possibility. Upon investigation it developed that the unfortunate man was Joe Ebbett, and that he was a glass blower by trade. He was a man of medium size and apparently about 30 years of age. Two sisters live in the East End, near the glass plant.

Ebbett was born in Bellaire, came to this city two years ago and secured employment at the Royal glass plant. The body was taken in charge by Undertaker Fuller and prepared for burial.

Hardly had the news of the first catastrophe been made known to the crowds which surrounded the Leader office and eagerly scanned the windows for fresh bulletins when a telephone message from the wharf boat conveyed the information of a second horror which was even more appalling than the first had been.

Again was the "fatal corner" the scene of an accident, as a result of which two young lives were quenched in a watery grave.

At 2:15 Monday afternoon people on

the wharf boat were horrified to see a skiff containing six persons, caught in the current on Second street, hurried on in the wild swirl of contending waters and hurled against the bow of the wharf, where in a moment by the force of the impact all the occupants of the skiff were precipitated into the water and almost instantly disappeared from view under the boat's keel.

Mr. Henry Best, who witnessed the occurrence, hastily sprang into a boat and prepared to save the drowning persons when they came to the surface after their journey under the boat. Owing to his promptness and presence of mind two of the boys were saved from drowning and the two men who were members of the party found a timely aid in climbing on board the wharf boat. When the first few minutes of the excitement were over it was found that two of the six people thrown into the water were either drowned or missing.

The body of Frank Hanley, a crippled lad 16 years of age, was taken from the chilly water after immersion lasting only two minutes and a desperate effort was made to bring life back into the nerveless body. At first the artificial respiration and other means used in cases of this kind seemed to promise a renewal of the heart action, but it soon became evident that all hopes of resuscitation were doomed to be fruitless. Life was practically extinct before the body left the water.

The second victim of the accident was Edmund Hanley, a boy 7 years old who was never seen after the overturning of the skiff. It is supposed that he was swept under the wharf and there received injuries which either stunned or killed him as the watchers and boatmen who patrolled the river for hours after the accident were unable to discover any traces of the body.

The parties in the boat before it capsized were Casper Hopp, Edmund and Frank Hanley, Frank Wright and another boy whose name could not be learned.

Mr. Hopp when left struggling in the water grasped Frank Hanley and the other boy and succeeded in handing them over to Mr. Henry Best. The Hanley boy, however, was dead, but his companion after a few restoratives recovered, apparently not much the worse for his narrow escape from death.

The survivors were taken into the cabin of the wharf boat, where they were given dry clothes and everything possible done for their comfort.

The sad news was conveyed to Mr. Thomas Hanley, the father, who is superintendent for the Southern Oil Co. in the Waverly field. He immediately offered a reward of \$25 for the recovery of the body of his son, but up to the last reports the remains had not been found and with the rapid current and high stage of the water it seems extremely improbable that the body will be found within miles of Marietta.

Mr. Hanley and family lived in the house of Casper Hopp on Third street and were comparatively recent comers to the city. The sad event cast a gloom over the city and on every hand was heard expressions of sympathy for the afflicted parents in their double bereavement.

**SKIFF CAPSIZED**  
And Two Persons Were Drowned in the Ohio at Legionville.

By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 22.—A skiff containing three persons, who were catching driftwood in the Ohio river at Legionville, Pa., capsized and two of the occupants, W. H. Barnhart and Thos. Holsinger, were drowned.

**Weather Forecast.**  
Ohio and West Virginia—Cloudy Tuesday, but with little or no rain. Wednesday fair, probably warmer, variable winds.